

THE HOTEL SUMTER.

The Hostelry That Will Fill the Long Felt Want.

The plans and specifications of the new hotel which Dr. A. J. Chiles is now building on the site of the Jersey House, which were prepared by Wilson & Edwards, architects, of Columbia, show that Sumter is at last to have a hotel that will be modern in construction and appointments and that, under the management of Mr. A. M. Parsaire, will be elegantly furnished from top to bottom.

The plan calls for a three story building with a frontage of 70 feet on Main Street. Across the full length of the front wide piazzas will extend on first and second floors and on the third floor there will be a balcony the full length of the front.

The entire first floor of the body of the hotel will be given up to the lobby and office, bar, reading and writing room and sample room. The front is to be composed of two large plate glass windows with only sufficient woodwork to support it, and the lobby and other rooms on this floor will be perfectly lighted. On either side from the lobby broad stairways lead to the second floor, the landing being in a broad hall way to the right and left of the rotunda, which extends from the lobby to the roof, supplying light and ventilation to the lobby and the hall ways on the second and third floors. The lobby and office will be handsomely finished, in polished oak, and the reading room and barber shop will be handsomely finished equally as well. From the rear of the lobby a broad hallway will lead to the dining room, which, with the pantry, commissary, refrigerator room and china closet will occupy the entire third floor of the wing at the back of the building.

All stairways and halls will be carpeted, the floors of each of the thirty-six bed rooms will be covered, and the building will be lighted throughout, the piazzas included, with electric lights.

Mr. Parsaire is now buying the furniture, carpets, china, linen and all other necessary equipment for the hotel, and as soon as the building is turned over by the contractors he will be ready to furnish it from top to bottom and open it to the public. He is selecting expensive and handsome furnishings, and it is his intention to give this city a hotel that for comfort and handsome furnishings cannot be surpassed in this State.

At first it was the desire to open the hotel on Christmas or New Year but there is so much work to be done that it is now seen that the hotel cannot be completed and furnished before the middle or latter part of January.

Bill Pickens Escapes

Bill Pickens, the notorious negro tough who was convicted in the Mayor's court yesterday and sentenced to 30 days on the streets, made his escape from the guard house during the afternoon and departed for parts unknown. This is the second or third time Bill has broken out of the guard house, and the next time he is imprisoned it will be part of wisdom to check him as soon as he is put into the cell.

He made his escape in a simple but ingenious manner. The keys to the cell doors are kept in the drawer of a desk in the lobby of the cell room, and of this fact Pickens was aware. He therefore proceeded to get possession of the keys by taking the stretcher from the hammock in his cell and to the end of it tied a piece of rope to form a loop. With this instrument he inserted the knob of the desk drawer and pulled the desk up to his cell door, pulled out the draw, got possession of the keys and unlocked the cell door. He then took a jump bracket from the wall of the cell room and forced the lock of the outer door and walked out a free man.

Glorious News.

Come from Dr. D. B. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer, of scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved—that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It is the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by J. F. W. DeLorme, Druggist. Guaranteed.

Pigrah X Roads News.

Mr. Editor: The long-expected rest for the laboring class of people is at hand; harvesting is over and there is nothing to do.

Mr. B. R. Hatfield's wife, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, seems to be slowly improving, though her condition is still critical.

We are sorry to learn that there is dissatisfaction in regard to the Pigeah public school. We hope that this dissatisfaction may be removed and that all the patrons may be benefited.

On the third Sunday in October, the Pigeah Sunday School raised \$5.33 for the benefit of the orphanage. May God's blessings rest upon this little gift.

We understand that your correspondent "D." will visit the State Fair, if so, we expect to hear something of the wonders of the day and time in your next issue.

Oct. 25. Pluck.

A Life and Death Fight.

Mr. W. A. Hines of Manchester, Ia., writing a his almost miraculous escape from death, says: "Exposure after measles induced serious lung trouble, which ended in consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages and coughed night and day. All my doctors said I must soon die. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which completely cured me. I would not be without it even if it cost \$5 a bottle. Hundreds have used it on my recommendation and all say it never fails to cure throat, chest and lung troubles." Regular size 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at J. F. W. DeLorme's drug store.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Proceedings of the Regular Semi-Monthly Session.

The City Council held a regular meeting at 7 p. m. last Wednesday with Mayor Pro Tem B. W. Harts, and Aldermen W. B. Boyle, D. J. Chandler, W. H. Epperson, P. P. Finn and R. O. Purdy.

The minutes of meetings held Oct. 11th and 17th were read and approved. Mr. H. B. Bloom, Chief of the Fire Department reported that he had, under instructions of the Fire Department Committee, tested all of the fire hydrants and found them all in good condition except one in front of residence of Mr. G. F. Epperson, which will be repaired at once by the Water Co. The hydrant at Mr. W. M. Graham's residence on Sumter street being tested with four hundred feet of hose gave an 80 feet stream effective at 80 feet, which is about the average. He reported also that at a recent fire in that city at an ice factory there had been a dangerous explosion of anhydrous ammonia, and that as the Electric Light and Ice Co. uses this ammonia it would be well for the firemen and public to be careful in the event of a fire at this factory.

Mr. Purdy called attention to the damage that is being done to the shade trees of the city by telephone, electric light and other linesmen who use metal spurs in climbing, from which some many of the trees are becoming diseased and will probably be killed if the practice is continued. The clerk was directed to forbid the use of spurs in climbing trees and to notify the officers of the telephone and electric light companies.

Finance Committee reported that Clerk's report for September had been examined and found correct.

A letter was read from Albion W. Parcell, stage director of the Robert Dowling Company, offering to rent the Opera House for one year with the privilege of five years and to pay one year's rent in advance, but naming no price. The clerk was instructed to write Mr. Parcell for an offer.

The vacant lot next to No. 3, reel house was rented to Henry Volkin at \$1 per week for the purpose of putting up a shooting gallery.

The clerk reported that the rear end of the Opera House roof is leaking badly. The matter was referred to the Committee of Public Works with power to act.

The petition of citizens for an extension of water main up Church Street was referred to Committee of Public Works with power to act. The Water Company will be sending men here in a short time to change the mains on Republican street and it is thought best to have the necessary extensions made on Church street at the same time, as it can be done there more economically and at a greater advantage to the city than at another time.

A memorandum of terra cotta drain pipe needed to complete the work now in progress was referred to the Committee of Public Works with power to act.

QUESTION ANSWERED.

Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mother and grandmothers never thought of using anything else for indigestion or biliousness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of appendicitis, nervous prostration or heart failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other ills. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form, to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. For sale by A. J. Chiles.

FROM CHAIN GANG TO THE ASYLUM.

James Mitchell, Lunatic, Pardon- ed.

James Mitchell, a negro who was convicted at the recent term of court and sentenced to the chain gang for larceny, turns out to be an escaped lunatic. When he was on trial he stated that he had been out of the asylum only two days when he committed the crime for which he was arrested, but so one knew that he was an escaped lunatic and no attention was paid to the plea of insanity. Shortly after he was sent to the chain gang Dr. Babcock, superintendent of the asylum, wrote to Sheriff Pierson that Mitchell was an escaped lunatic and asked that he be returned to the asylum. Sheriff Pierson did not know what course to pursue as he had no authority to turn over a chain gang convict to the asylum, so he submitted the matter to his attorney, R. O. Purdy, Esq. Mr. Purdy wrote to Gov. McSweney stating the case and suggesting that Mitchell be pardoned so that he could be discharged legally from the chain gang and delivered to the asylum. The only other course would have been the resort to habeas corpus proceedings by the asylum authorities, which would have been both expensive and cumbersome.

Gov. McSweney acted promptly on Mr. Purdy's letter and on the 23d granted a pardon for Mitchell, which was received that night by Sheriff Pierson. Mitchell has been brought in from the chain gang.

He Fooled the Surgeons.

All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest Pile cure on earth, and the best Salve in the world. 25 cents a box. Sold by J. F. W. DeLorme, Druggist.

Aunt Chloe Dead

Another of Florence's land marks has gone to rest. Aunt Chloe Banks, who is well known by all native Florentines was buried last Friday. She was nearly a hundred years old. Before the war she belonged to L. B. Banks of Sumter. There are but a few colored people of Aunt Chloe's ilk now living. She was well thought of by all who knew her and was one of the best nurses in this section of the State, which occupation she followed until a few days ago being compelled to retire on account of her age. Thus it is, one by one the old time negro passes away—Florence Daily Times, Oct. 23.

The Appetite of a Goat

Is caused by all poor dyspepsias whose stomach and liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills, the wonderful Stomach and Liver Remedy, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 25c at J. F. W. DeLorme's drug store.

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The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases, is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples, chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25c per box. For sale by Dr. A. J. Chiles. Dec 30—4

MAYOR'S COURT.

Mr. E. B. Pollard, a travelling man and stranger, was arrested for riding a bicycle Wednesday night without a lantern. He was riding behind another that was carrying a light, and had been informed that he would not be liable to arrest when thus following closely behind a lantern. The Mayor excused the defendant.

One of the most interesting cases before the Mayor recently was Geo. Paine, a Charleston darkey, who was charged with vagrancy. He pleaded not guilty, but the evidence proved him to be a fakir, idler and swindler of no ordinary type. He had been boarding for two weeks with a colored woman. She demanded money due her, and Paine proceeded to raise the wind in a novel way.

He had two small cloth bags which he alleged to contain \$950. These he took in Lakenet to Ransom Peay, a laborer at Lumber Mill, and after interesting Peay in a business enterprise, borrowed eleven dollars from him. He left his money bags with Peay to take care of, and Peay became suspicious, and an investigation revealed the fact that the bags contained a lot of iron washers about the size of silver dollars. The victim speedily told his troubles to the police. Officer Barwick arrested Paine, and he will serve 30 days on the city chain gang for vagrancy. Seven dollars of Peay's money were recovered and returned to him.

The Saturday session of the Mayor's court was more protracted than usual, there being three cases and there were numerous witnesses, a lawyer and a jury to consume time and assist the Mayor in dealing out justice.

The first case was that of the city of Sumter vs. J. F. Reid, disturbing the peace and violating an officer in the discharge of his duty. The defendant was represented by J. H. Clifton, Esq., who demanded a jury. A panel of 10 men was prepared and summoned from which the following were selected: E. S. Miller, Foreman, H. G. Hill, G. W. Hutchinson, B. M. Leiby and T. B. Jenkins, Jr. By consent of both sides the case was submitted to the five selected instead of the requested six.

The following witnesses were sworn and testified: H. J. Seymour, Geo. D. Shore, W. Green, T. E. Flowers, W. A. Clyde, H. H. Smith, J. K. Bradford, C. W. Stancill, H. C. Cullins, J. D. Epperson and the defendant. Argument was made by Mr. Clifton and his Honor Mayor Stucky delivered a charge as to the law. The jury retired and in a few minutes returned a verdict of not guilty.

The second case was the City of Sumter vs. Rev. J. O. Watkins, fighting on Manning Avenue, at the residence of Antrim Leese. A number of witnesses were sworn and examined. The Mayor found the defendant guilty and required him to pay a fine of \$10.

The third and last case on the docket was the City of Sumter vs. James Holman, disturbing the peace and disorderly conduct. Rebecca and Julia Holman testified. The verdict was not guilty.

The court then adjourned, the docket being cleared, having been in session from 12 o'clock to 3.30 p. m.

The Mayor's court opened Monday with a full house, but the session was not protracted and the docket was cleared in short order. The following were the cases:

Joseph Love, disorderly conduct and carrying. Plead guilty of carrying. Sentence \$3 or 6 days. Fine paid.

Tom Wilson, Geo. Richardson, Thos. Henry and James Weston, gambling. Wilson and Weston plead guilty, the others plead not guilty. After the witnesses had been examined the Mayor adjudged Wilson and Weston guilty, and sentenced them to pay \$5 each or serve 10 days. The other two were discharged.

W. H. Flowers, fighting, and Harry Pickens, fighting and public drunkenness. Flowers plead not guilty and Pickens plead guilty of drunkenness. Pickens was found guilty and sentenced to pay \$3 or work the streets 8 days. Flowers was discharged.

J. H. Belcher, striking Sam Pringle's child. Belcher plead guilty, but made statement in extenuation. The sentence was \$1 or 2 days.

Tuesday's session of the Mayor's court was more profitable than the average.

The first case was against Bill Pickens who struck town yesterday afternoon filled to the brim with liquor, and started out to have some "fun" on the streets. He met Rev. Gaius Davis and several other negroes near John Belcher's restaurant, and because they did not speak to him as politely as he thought befitting his importance, he drew a 38 revolver, threatening shoot the whole crowd, and cursed a blue streak, and the crowd scattered for their lives, seeking shelter behind a wagon. Bill having vindicated his dignity by putting the Reverend to flight, proceeded on his way, but was captured a few hours later and committed to the guard house to sleep off his spree. When arraigned before the Mayor Bill admitted being drunk and out for fun, but could not remember trying to shoot the Reverend Davis. The testimony was read against him, and the Mayor declared the 38 forfeited and sentenced Bill to pay a fine of \$25 or work on the streets 30 days.

Billson Henderson was up for public drunkenness and cursing on the streets. The fine was \$5, which was paid.

Quite a number went from this city and county yesterday to spend the remainder of the week taking in the festivities of the Fair.

Window Glass, all sizes, also Putty, for sale at DuRant's Hardware Store.

"Rupert of Hentzau," the sequel to the "Prisoner of Zenda," will be produced at the Opera House on Friday night, Nov. 16th.

All sizes of Window Glass and best Putty for sale at DuRant's Hardware Store.

A negro man living at Rittenberg's Brick Yard while fooling with a pistol Monday afternoon accidentally discharged it. The ball passed through his hand and buried itself in his thigh. The wound in his thigh is quite severe and at last reports the ball had not been extracted.

Do not get scared if your heart troubles you. Most likely you suffer from indigestion. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat and gives the worn out stomach perfect rest. It is the only preparation known that completely digests all classes of foods; that is why it cures the worst cases of indigestion and stomach trouble after every thing else has failed. It may be taken in all conditions and cannot help but do you good. J. S. Hugheson & Co.

Willie Mixon, a white boy about 15 years old, was found Saturday night in an unconscious condition on the ground at the corner of Main and Bartlett Streets. The police were notified and Chief Bradford summoned medical attention. Dr. Hoffman took care of the boy and as soon as his name was ascertained he was removed to Mr. Ritt's house, where he boarded. He was quite sick all night and yesterday, but he will probably recover.

On the 10th of December, 1897, Rev. S. A. Donahoe, pastor of M. E. Church, South, Pt Pleasant, W. Va., contracted a severe cold which was attended from the beginning by violent coughing. He says: "After resorting to a number of so called 'specifics,' usually kept in the house, to no purpose, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which acted like a charm. I most cheerfully recommend it to the public." For sale by Dr. A. J. Chiles.

School Holiday on Thursday

The following notice was sent by Supt. Edmunds to the teachers of the different grades yesterday morning:

There are in school today 386 pupils. Of this number 80 have said that they will certainly go to the State Fair if a holiday is given; 196 are certainly not going, and 110 are doubtful.

Acting upon this report the City Board of Education has decided to give Thursday of this week as a holiday in order that those pupils who desire to go to the fair may do so. Please announce this to your grades.

S. H. Edmunds, Superintendent.

In the Way of Improvement.

Nothing so surely indicates the growth and development of a town as the appearance of the stores, the arrangement of the goods and the quality of the articles that fill the show cases and shelves. The passing away of unclean stores with a miscellaneous and untidy stock of cheap and trashy goods and the appearance in their stead of the handsomely fitted up stores, filled with fine goods well kept and artistically arranged marks the development of the town into a city and an improvement in the taste of the people who patronize the stores.

The improvement and development of Sumter along these lines has been steady during the past few years and today the stores on the main business streets of this city will compare favorably with those of any city in the State and the displays of all grades of goods are not surpassed in variety or quality by the displays to be seen in other places. It is known and admitted by everybody who has ever visited Sumter that there is no better place for shopping in South Carolina.

One of the most handsomely fitted up stores in Sumter is that of E. A. Bultman, who bought the old McElhose stand a few months ago and had it overhauled and remodelled for a jewelry store. It is papered throughout, with pretty paper, the floor is covered and the show cases and wall cases are made of solid polished oak, plate glass and mirrors. Everything is in the best taste and the whole effect is as handsome as could be desired.

The stock of cut glass, sterling silver, imported china, handsome pictures, watches, jewelry, diamonds and gems of all kinds, etc., that fills these show cases and shelves is so handsome and striking that few people pass the store without stopping to admire it. Mr. Bultman has selected a very fine stock of goods, believing that there is a demand in Sumter for the very best that the markets of the world afford, and a glance at his store will prove that he has taste both as a buyer and in displaying his goods. He has nothing but the very best articles in the several lines that he carries and his prices are moderate for the class of goods he offers for sale. His store is one of the show places of Sumter and is always pointed out to visitors with pardonable pride.

A CARD.

A Statement From Rev. J. C. Watkins.

To my Friends, White and Colored, of Sumter:

I regret very much to be forced to make a newspaper statement concerning my conduct as a Christian minister. I have been in your midst for ten years, and have tried to so live that such would be unnecessary, but the duties of a gospel minister among my people are delicate and varied. Last Wednesday I sent for a member and officer of my church to come to my school house where I was teaching night school that we might talk between us, and correct some slanderous and false statements which he said I had told him about some one else. I considered the statements injurious to me and the cause which I represent. He refused to come and see me and I went to see him. I was trying to heed the Bible injunction, "Agree with thine adversary quickly, etc." When at his gate he refused to reason with me. He began talking in a boisterous way and ended it by striking me. I had no weapons, but spiritual, but when struck I struck in self defence. That is all. He and those about him raised the disturbance and then carried the affair into the Mayor's Court which resulted in causing me to pay a fine for breach of the peace. I do not value the fine, but I do the good opinion of my fellow-townsmen. I question whether a minister ought not to defend himself when misrepresented and struck. I hope this little occurrence will not change the good opinion which the good people of Sumter have had of me for the last ten years.

Respectfully, J. C. Watkins.

November Ladies' Home Journal.

"The Loveliest Woman in All America," "The Future of the White House," "The Man Who Wrote Narcissus," "Waiting for the Mail"—a page drawing by A. B. Frost—and "How Aunt Sally Brought Down the House," a short story, are some of the excellent features of the November Ladies' Home Journal. In the same issue Clifford Howard continues "The Story of a Young Man," Charles Major his "Blue River Bear Stories," Elizabeth Stuart Phelps her serial, "The Successors of Mary the First," and "Jonah Allen's Wife" fully narrates the incidents of her fourth visit. The American Book forcibly contends that the Americans show excellent taste in furnishing their houses and "An American Mother" convinces the Americans of having bad manners. Plans are given for "A Quaint, Old-Fashioned House for \$6000," and interior views of "The Most Artistic House in New York City" right worthily occupy two pages, as does "Through Picturesque America," with pictures the scenic beauties of California. There are numerous articles on the fashions and woman's work. By the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia. One dollar a year; ten cents a copy.

Fire Monday Night.

The residence of Mrs. Anna Muller, situated off of Haynsworth street, in the rear of the Earle property, was burned on last Monday night about 10 o'clock. The fire originated in the dining room and had gained such headway before discovered that, in the absence of water, nothing could be done to save the house. The family had retired and were sleeping soundly that they had to be awakened by the fire was discovered. The greater part of the furniture was saved from the bed room, but in a damaged condition. The barn and out-buildings caught from the house and they were also burned to the ground.

The fire department responded to the alarm but could render no assistance as there is not a single water hydrant in that section of the city, the nearest one being at the corner of Calhoun Street and Salem Avenue. The fate of this house is the fate that awaits any house in that section of the city, for there is not a hydrant within reach and the fire department will be powerless in the case of fire to render any assistance whatever. Mrs. Muller's houses and furniture were insured for \$1100.

THE COTTON MARKET.

The market has had a much stronger tone today and spots advanced. The quotations on the local market were Middling, 8.95 @ 9.

A Warning Against Signing the Sewerage Petition.

Mr. Editor: As a good deal of misapprehension exists as to the effect of signing the petition about to be circulated, among the freeholders asking the City Council to order an election to decide the question of bonding the city to the additional amount of \$50,000 in necessary to put in a system of sewerage, it may be well to let the real estate owners know exactly the situation. A majority freeholders can sign the petitions and a majority must sign before the election can be ordered. But the election once ordered on this petition of the freeholders, every qualified voter, white or black, freeholder or not freeholder can vote to bond the city and entail a tax upon unborn generations. This fact is kept in the back ground by those who advocate the bond issue. Their specious plea is, "Sign the petition to hold the election and you can vote against the issue of bonds, but any number who own no property can vote to issue them, and to tax your property for years to come, and outvote you 5 to one. Let the freeholder remember that his only hope is in absolutely refusing to sign the petition. Freeholders remember this, and don't sign the petition.

Freeholder.

The Concert.

The concert at the Opera House Monday night for the benefit of Lincoln Graded School well deserved larger patronage than was received. The audience was not large, but quite enthusiastic over the remarkably fine singing of Prof. Woodward, the colored tenor. His selections were well chosen and finely rendered. His voice has unusual range and sweetness, and is under perfect control. The local singers all performed their parts well. Barton Levan scored quite a success in the bass solo, "I Am Thy Sentinel" which was repeated in answer to an encore.

Clarendon Items.

From Manning Times, Oct. 24. Married last evening by Rev. W. A. Pitts, at the home of the bride's mother, at Jordan, Mr. Joseph Davis, a son of Hon. C. M. Davis, and Miss Maggie Spott, a daughter of the late Hon. James Spott. Died last Saturday, near Turbeville, Mrs. Lucille Gamble, wife of Mr. Norman Gamble, aged about 47 years. The interment took place at Shiloh church Monday. Mr. A. B. Stuckey of the Sumter Bar was in Manning last Monday, looking after the lower interests of Mrs. Y. N. Butler in several pieces of property in this town and county.

A TELEPHONE EXHIBIT.

Mr. G. E. Haynsworth of Sumter, representing the Imperial Telephone Manufacturing company of Sumter, is in the city. He has come to make an exhibit at the State fair of the famous "Imperial" telephones, switchboards and appliances, which recently took the first prize at the Paris exposition. His exhibit will be one of great interest.—State.

The Sumter Telephone Manufacturing Co. shipped a solid car load of telephones yesterday. These phones go to the eastern States where this factory has already built up a business of great magnitude. The new telephone factory is meeting with even greater success than Mr. Mason and his associates anticipated, and at present the factory has all the orders it can fill with the force of hands now employed.

Dr. H. W. Lewis, Lawrenceville, Va., writes, "I am using Kodol Dyspepsia Cure in my practice among severe cases of indigestion and find it an admirable remedy." Many hundreds of physicians depend upon the use of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure in stomach troubles. It digests what you eat, and allows you to eat all the good food you need, providing you do not overload your stomach. Gives instant relief and a permanent cure. J. S. Hugheson & Co.

Mr. H. Mannheim on Monday morning laid his watch and chain and some small change on a table in his bed room and went into another room for a short time. When he returned the watch and chain and money were gone. The only explanation of the sudden disappearance was that the articles had come for clothes just before the watch was missed. The mothers of the suspected boys were notified, but, of course, they knew nothing of the theft, and were indignant that their children should be accused of stealing. Nevertheless, the threats of arrest accomplished their work, and this morning Mrs. Mannheim observed three little negroes running out of the back yard, and upon going to the back door to investigate found the watch and chain wrapped in an old newspaper lying on the door step.

During the winter of 1897 Mr. James Reed, one of the leading citizens and merchants of Clay, Clay Co, W. Va, struck his leg against a cake of ice in such a manner as to bruise it severely. It became very much swollen and pained him so badly that he could not walk without the aid of crutches. He was treated by physicians, also used several kinds of liniment and two and a half gallons of whiskey in bathing it, but nothing gave any relief until he began using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. This brought almost a complete cure in a week's time and he believes that had he not used this remedy his leg would have had to be amputated. Pain Balm is unequalled for sprains, bruises and rheumatism. For sale by Dr. A. J. Chiles.

NEGRO DEFIES ARREST.

Barriaded in House on Plowden Place.

Magistrate Wells last Thursday turned over to Sheriff Pierson a warrant for the arrest of Nick Parker, a negro living on Mr. Miles Plowden's place, who had barriaded himself in his house and defied arrest. The facts in the case were brought to the Sheriff's attention by a letter from Mr. Plowden who asked that prompt steps be taken to arrest Parker.

As soon as the warrant was placed in the Sheriff's hands Deputy Sheriff Gaillard and Policemen Weeks were sent out to the Plowden place to arrest Parker and bring him to jail, peacefully if possible, but forcibly if necessary.

Deputy Sheriff Gaillard returned from his trip about 2 30 o'clock without his prisoner. He went to the house said to have been occupied by Parker and found no one, after a thorough search of the whole place, the loft included.

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